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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/JP03/16913INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
26 DECEMBER 2003PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
07 JANUARY 2003**TITLE OF INVENTION****METHOD FOR REDUCING CHROMIUM CONTAINING RAW MATERIAL****APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US**

Hiroshi SUGITATSU, et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4.  The US has been elected (Article 31).
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is attached hereto.
  - b.  has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a.  are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10.  An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11.  A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12.  A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

**Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:**

13.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15.  A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16.  A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17.  A substitute specification.
18.  A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19.  A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20.  A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21.  A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22.  Express Mail Label No.
23.  Other items or information:

Application Data Sheet

Notice of Priority

PCT/IB/304

PCT/IB/308

Cited References (1)

PTO-1449

Drawings (3 Sheets)

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| U.S. APPLICATION NO (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/541457</b>   |              | INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/JP03/16913</b>                 |            | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>273286US0PCT</b> |        |
| The following fees are submitted:  |              |  |            |   |        |
| 24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee .....   |              | \$300  | \$         | \$300.00  |        |
| 25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee<br>If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). ....  |              | \$100  | \$         | \$200.00  |        |
| All other situations. ....   |              | \$200  |            |   |        |
| 26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee<br>Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....  |              | \$100  |            |   |        |
| International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office .....  |              | \$400  |            |   |        |
| All other situations. ....   |              | \$500  | \$         | \$400.00  |        |
| <b>TOTAL OF 24, 25 and 26 =</b>  |              |  | \$         | <b>\$900.00</b>                                 |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. |              |  |            |   |        |
| Total Sheets   | Extra Sheets | Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole) | RATE       |   |        |
| - 100 =  | 0 /50 =      | 0  | x \$250.00 | \$  | \$0.00 |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).  |              |  |            |   |        |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE       |   |        |
| Total claims   | 7 - 20 =     | 0  | x \$50.00  | \$  | \$0.00 |
| Independent claims   | 1 - 3 =      | 0  | x \$200.00 | \$  | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable)  |              | <input type="checkbox"/>   | + \$360.00 | \$  | \$0.00 |
|  |              | <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>                                   |            |   |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.   |              |  | \$         | \$0.00  |        |
|  |              | <b>SUBTOTAL =</b>  |            |   |        |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).  |              |  | \$         | \$0.00  |        |
|  |              | <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>  |            |   |        |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property  |              |  | + \$       | \$0.00  |        |
|  |              | <b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>   |            |   |        |
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.   |              |  |            |   |        |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.   |              |  |            |   |        |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.                                |              |  |            |   |        |
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| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.   |              |  |            |   |        |
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hiroshi SUGITATSU, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION Based on PCT/JP03/16913

FILED: HEREWITH

FOR: METHOD FOR REDUCING CHROMIUM CONTAINING RAW MATERIAL

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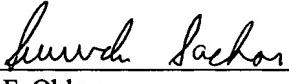
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: English translation of Specification/Declaration/Application Data Sheet  
Notice of Priority/Credit Card Payment Form for \$900.00/Drawings (3 Sheets)  
PCT Transmittal Letter/Preliminary Amendment/PCT/IB/304/PCT/IB/308  
Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449/Cited References (1)  
International Search Report

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS      | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING |  | HIGHEST<br>NUMBER<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID | NO.<br>EXTRA<br>CLAIMS | RATE      | CALCULATIONS                       |
|-------------|---------------------|--|---|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| TOTAL       | 7                   | MINUS  | 20                                      | 0                      | x \$50 =  | \$0.00                             |
| INDEPENDENT | 1                   | MINUS  | 3                                       | 0                      | x \$200 = | \$0.00                             |
|             |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS                   |   |                        | + \$360 = | \$0.00                             |
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|             |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity |   |                        |           | \$0.00                             |
|             |                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recordation of Assignment                   |   |                        | + \$40 =  | \$0.00                             |
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- A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached.
- Credit card payment form is attached to cover the fees in the amount of \$0.00
- Please charge any additional Fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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